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Providing News to Our Veterans

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SIGN UP AND SIGN ON TODAY

Navy Veteran Joe Moore served as a Hospital Corpsman from 1963-1967, including one year on a hospital ship in Vietnam. Camaraderie and traveling are two of his favorite memories from his Navy days. "I saw places I would have never seen otherwise and I met a lot of great people who are still lifelong friends."

Shortly after Joe began receiving VA care, he was introduced to My HealthVet, VA's free, 24/7 online personal health record for Veterans. My HealthVet users with an upgraded account can check VA appointments, review lab test results, access VA wellness reminders, refill VA prescriptions, and communicate with VA via *Secure Messaging*.

"I went on and looked through the website. I was absolutely amazed. There are so many things you can view and people you can contact through it," said Joe. "It's such a pleasure to go online and not have to wait on a phone line to talk to someone. I don't have to call anymore about prescriptions either; I can just order them online. It is really convenient."

Joe highly recommends using My HealthVet, and coming to the VA for care. "If you are not computer

literate, at least take time to learn how to use this particular website [My HealthVet]. You'll save yourself a lot of time!"

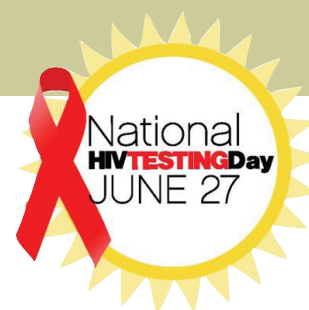
When Joe first applied for VA care, he was told he was not eligible. However, with help from Janice Nulph in Pre-Registration, he was able to get enrolled. "When I left here after first meeting Janice, she said 'Welcome Home.' I don't remember anybody saying that when I came home from the service. Anybody who is not using the VA system who is eligible is really missing the ticket."

VA Butler Healthcare is here to welcome you home too, whether you've recently returned from combat or whether it's been forty years or more. Call us today – 724.477.5011. To learn more about My HealthVet call 724.285.2595 or visit www.myhealth.va.gov. ★

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY...JUNE

- 1 The Heimlich maneuver is introduced and the American Red Cross adopts it as standard protocol for rescuing choking victims (1974)
- 5 Benjamin Franklin proves that lightning is electricity with his famous kite experiment (1752)
- 10 The first class graduates from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD (1854)
- 14 The stars and stripes design for the national flag is approved by the Continental Congress (1777)
- 22 President Roosevelt signs the Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the GI Bill, providing Veterans funds for college education, unemployment insurance, and housing (1945)



**TAKE THE TEST.
TAKE CONTROL.**

June 27 is National HIV Testing Day. VA has the latest and best treatments available for HIV, enabling VA patients with HIV to live healthier, longer lives.

www.hiv.va.gov



PROTECT YOUR EYES

VA Butler's **Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST)**

Mid-June marks the official start to summer – an important time to remember eye health. Many summer activities from swimming in your pool to mowing your grass can be damaging to your eyes. If you jump in a pool and your eyes sting, it may mean the chemicals aren't balanced. If you're mowing the grass, flying debris could hit you in the eyes (or someone nearby). It's important to wear protective goggles during summer activities. And, it's just as important to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from harmful UV rays.

VA Butler Healthcare offers optometry and ophthalmology services. We also provide a comprehensive program of services for eligible Veterans who have low-vision or are legally blind called VIST. A monthly VIST support group for Veterans and their family members is also available. To learn more about the VIST program or support group, call VA Butler Healthcare's VIST Coordinator at 724.285.2736. ★

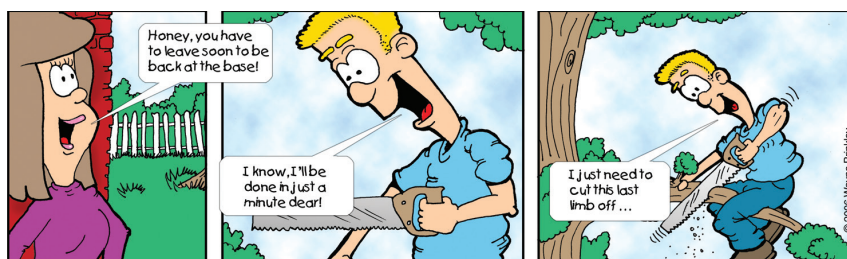
We want to hear from you!
Email amanda.wilczynski@va.gov
or lauren.heiger@va.gov to share
your story with us!



SCAN TO CALL

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis – and their families and friends – with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 800.273.8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. ★

Scan this with your smart phone to call the Veterans Crisis Line now.



JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

BE SAFE! Staying safe should be a priority year round, but the summer season traditionally is a time of increased accidents, injuries, and fatalities. The National Safety Council has declared June as National Safety Month, a time to emphasize safety, especially for summer activities such as swimming, sunbathing, and using fireworks. Be knowledgeable of safety hazards and learn how to prevent them.

VA Butler Healthcare wants you to have a safe and enjoyable summer!

WWW.PREVENTION.VA.GOV/BE_SAFE.ASP

EVENTS

7 June Podcast • VA Butler Construction Update
Thursday, June 7 • 12-12:30 pm
Chat link: talkshoe.com/tc/85029
or Call in: 724.444.7444 (Call ID: 85029)

25= National Veterans Wheelchair Games
Monday, June 25 - Saturday, June 30, 2012
Richmond, Virginia
www.wheelchairgames.va.gov



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